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Environmental justice advocates say climate change isn't a 'white thing'

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Correspondent

The climate crisis is real.

From the devastating of extreme weather events made worse by climate change to the public health implications of increased pollution like heightened asthma attacks, communities are feeling the impacts of this crisis first and worst.

Experts said real solutions to the climate crisis is needed now to protect the long-term well-being of communities, and for future generations.

"With the Trump administration rolling back environmental and public health safeguards, I am deeply concerned that we are running out of time to do something about this crisis," said Dana Swinney, a New York-based public relations expert who works with several green organizations across the country.

Information provided by Swinney's firm noted additional climate crisis health impacts on African Americans, including:

- Number of African Americans that report having asthma: 2.6 million
- Black children are 4.5 times more likely to be hospitalized for asthma than white children
- Black children are ten times more likely to die from asthma than white children.



It is critical that African American, if they aren't already, become aware of all of the ways climate change shows up in their lives.

- The increased health burden of particulate air pollution on African Americans compared to the American population overall: 54 percent
- Sixty-eight percent of African Americans live within 30 miles of a coal-fired power plant.

- 7 million African Americans live within a county that is home to a refinery.

"There is a familiar phrase that goes something like this: if you're not at the table then you're on the menu," said Michelle Mabson, a staff scientist for the Healthy Communities Program at Earthjustice.

Mabson is also a volunteer chief advocacy officer for Black Millennials for Flint.

"Far too often it is our communities – Black and Brown communities – that are not prepared enough, resilient enough, or adaptive enough when climate disasters hit," Mabson said.

"We look at the devastating impacts from Hurricane Katrina, and more recently Hurricane's Maria, Harvey, and Dorian, and we see communities that look like ours, nearly destroyed," she said.

"It is imperative for us to be at the table when decisions, like rebuilding and increasing adaptive community capacity, are discussed so we can get the resources we need to

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People In The News...



Gwen Carr



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NDG Quote of the Week: "Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken winged bird that cannot fly."
– Langston Hughes

Gwen Carr

By Stacy M. Brown,
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Gwen Carr provided an emotional opening statement during the House Judiciary Committee's oversight hearing on policing practices.

Carr, the mother of Eric Garner who died in New York from a police chokehold in 2014, recounted how police officers had approached her son outside of a grocery store on Staten Island.

Inexplicably, Officer Daniel Pantaleo wrestled Garner to the ground and



used an illegal chokehold that eventually led to Garner's death.

"Five years ago, my beloved son Eric was murdered by people who were supposed to serve and protect," Carr told the biparti-

san group of lawmakers. "Eric cried out 11 times, 'I can't breathe.' But those officers on the scene that day didn't seem to care," she said. "How come no one was held accountable?"

Carr said Garner's death had devastated her family.

It also led to the fatal heart attack suffered by Garner's sister, Erica, who died of a heart attack in 2017, Carr said.

"She died of a broken heart," Carr said.

House Judiciary Committee Chair Jerrold Nadler (D-NY), told Carr that the criminal justice system failed her and her family.

"Shockingly, the officer

responsible for placing Mr. Garner in a departmentally-banned chokehold remained on the force for five years before finally being fired this past August," Nadler said.

The chairman also asked that his colleagues in Congress look for measures that would prevent police officers from escaping punishment.

"There needs to be better information on the use of force and better proposals to end racial profiling and to restore trust between law enforcement and the community," Nadler said.

The hearing focused on the role of the federal

government in addressing concerns about illegal practices, enhancing accountability, and in developing 21st-century policing practices.

During the session, the Rev. Al Sharpton joined Carr and others to call on Congress to pass legislation to set a federal standard for excessive use of force.

It included testimony from former professional tennis player James Blake; former federal law enforcement official Ron Davis; National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Chief Vera Bumpers; and Dr. Phillip Atiba of the Center for Policing Equity.

"I should say from the onset that (the National Action Network — or NAN) has never been anti-police. We are, however, anti-police brutality," Sharpton said.

"We know that most police officers are hardworking and law-abiding citizens who take the oath to serve and protect quite seriously. They put their lives on the line every day to keep us all safe, and we are grateful for their enormous service and sacrifice," he said.

However, over the past two decades, there has been

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PO2 Kayla Washington

SANTA RITA, Guam — A 2011 Carter High School graduate and Dallas native builds and fights around the world as a member of a naval construction battalion center located on the island of Guam.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Kayla Washington is a logistics specialist with the 30th Naval Construction Regiment.

A Navy logistics specialist is financial manager responsible for handling the budget for the battalion.

Washington credits success in the Navy to many of the lessons learned in Dal-



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las.

"I learned the importance of resiliency and it has helped overcome obstacles and learn from my experiences," said Washington.

The jobs of some of the Seabees today have re-

mained unchanged since World War II, when the Seabees paved the 10,000-mile road to victory for the allies in the Pacific and in Europe.

Since 1942 Seabees have served in all American conflicts. They have also supported humanitarian efforts using their construction skills to help communities around the world. They aid following earthquakes, hurricanes and other natural disasters.

According to officials at the U.S. Navy's Pacific Fleet headquarters in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, the ships, submarines, aircraft and Navy personnel forward-deployed to Guam are part

of the world's largest fleet command and serve in a region critical to U.S. national security. The U.S. Pacific Fleet encompasses 100 million square miles, nearly half the Earth's surface, from Antarctica to the Arctic Circle and from the West Coast of the United States into the Indian Ocean. All told, there are more than 200 ships and submarines, nearly 1,200 aircraft, and more than 130,000 uniformed and civilian personnel serving in the Pacific.

"I enjoy the people I work with," Washington said. "I get to deploy with some cool people while serving in Guam."

Though there are many ways for sailors to earn distinction in their command, community, and career, Washington is most proud of being promoted twice in a short period of time.

"It means I'm growing professionally and being recognized by my chain of command," Washington said.

Serving in the Navy means Washington is part of a world that is taking on new importance in America's focus on rebuilding military readiness, strengthening alliances and reforming business practices in support of the National Defense Strategy.

A key element of the Navy the nation needs is tied to the fact that America is a maritime nation, and that the nation's prosperity is tied to the ability to operate freely on the world's oceans. More than 70 percent of the Earth's surface is covered by water; 80 percent of the world's population lives close to a coast; and 90 percent of all global trade by volume travels by sea.

"Our priorities center on people, capabilities and processes, and will be achieved by our focus on speed, value, results and partnerships," said Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer.

NDG Readers Sound Off...

Reaction to Amber Guyger conviction

I'm not. Anyone being honest can say they felt like she is guilty. Now if the come back with anything sentence more than six months and community service then I will be surprised.

- L Ranae
B-Kenneybrew

Reality has not set in yet.

- Kenneth Rhodes

Totally surprised. Pleasantly surprised but definitely surprised.

- T. Chavis @chavis_t

was very surprised when the verdict had been made and was read, thought she would be found not guilty like Casey Anthony etc. or guilty only on the manslaughter. was very happy to hear his family will receive the justice their due and pray that they can one day forgive her and she can apologize to his mom and family.

- Nneka Esedebe

Fans nervous after Cowboys don't 'get it done' in their first loss of 2019

They finally met a defense that was better than

the last three. Also they went away from the way they were calling plays.

- Charlie Love

Joshua Brown, Botham Jean's neighbor, was shot and killed Friday night

Murderers was it the police?

- Linda Barrett Neal

Pull cellphone tower records of Rivera, Mata.

- Larry Brautigam

Need to hire a private investigator.

- Dia Cruz

Was it a hit ?

- Kim Merrill

Dallas Police Dept. respond to community concerns regarding DPS patrols

Exactly right any murders solved. Try going after whats more important. Your war on drugs has failed. So do some real police work.

- Charlie Love

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Straight Talk

Amber Guyger guilty verdict surprised many in the city of Dallas. I was one of those who wanted a guilty verdict for the killer of Botham Jean. These killer cops must be held accountable for their actions. Nobody is above the law, be they a police officer or President of the United States. Dallas, for one brief shining moment, was the paradigm for a movement to hold police officers accountable. The third consecutive conviction and sentencing of wayward police officers gave me hope a change was

going to come.

Last year, Roy Oliver, the assassin of Jordan Edwards, was sentenced to 15 years in prison for the shooting, killing, and yes cover-up of the murder of an innocent fifteen-year-old. After the conviction of the defrocked police officer, Amber Guyger, I expected 20 to 27 years to reflect the years Botham was alive. Instead, Amber received a sentence of ten years. Then it happened, justice is given, a jury gave a sentence of ten years for the killer.

The jury spoke magnitudes with the conviction, was mute, quiet twenty-four hours. Later with the comparatively light sentencing of Amber Guyger. Don't mess with Texas when it comes to Injustice.

Dallas Cop gets 10 years for murder of Botham Jean

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Correspondent

Many believe that former Dallas Police Officer Amber Guyger is a racist with a quick trigger finger. Her tweets and social media posts demonstrate a thirst for blood, and many observers believe that she represents white privilege at its most disgusting level. Even after finding the defendant guilty after deliberating her fate for just three hours, the jury recommended a sentence of just 10 years in prison for Guyger's September 2018 assassination of her neighbor, Botham Jean.

Prosecutors sought at least 28 years.

At a press conference following the sentencing, Allison Jean, Botham's mother, said, "My son's life was much more valuable than ten years." Then she shook her head and said, "but there's nothing I can do about it."

During the live broadcast of the hearing, protesters outside the courtroom could be heard yelling, "No Justice, No Peace," from within the courtroom itself.

Activist Dominique Alexander said the sentence

was much too light and called for additional protests.

It was a little more than one year ago that Guyger entered Botham Jean's apartment and shot him for no apparent reason other than he was sitting in his house while black.

During the sentencing hearing, a series of text messages sent and received by Guyger were displayed in court for the jury and the world to see.

The picture painted by her words in those messages was ugly and Klanesque, particularly from someone who is supposed to protect and serve all citizens.

They were egregiously disrespectful to African Americans and all people of color.

If the text messages weren't enough to show the kind of cop Guyger was, and what kind of person she is, Guyger's Pinterest posts left little doubt.

She captioned one post of her with a military sniper weapon this way: "Stay low, go fast; kill first, die last; one shot, one kill; no luck, all skill."

Another Pinterest post of Guyger's reads: "I wear all

Crystal Mason, a black woman, was sentenced to five years for voting. Amber Guyger kills a man and gets ten years. Comparative justice, Texas-style. In a fair world, there would be no difference between black and white. However, who says the world is fair.

The legal system offers us all an equal chance; however, some are more equal than others. The "Blue Shield" provides police officers a covenant of protection after conviction. This protection was evident in the sentencing when a jury composed of minorities gave a sentence of ten years for Amber Guyger. Despite the calls of racism, the fact remains that the decision was made when the chief prosecutor is a black Dis-

trict Attorney. The presiding judge was an African-American. Justice was made, though I don't agree with the decision, the sentence was made by a jury composed of minorities. The community is looking for answers and good verdicts, and those verdicts must come from the PEOPLE.

I am Ed Gray, and this is Straight Talk.

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black to remind you not to mess with me because I'm already dressed for your funeral."

In that post, Guyger brandishes a gun, gloves, and a shovel. She wrote: "Yah I got meh a gun, a shovel, and gloves. If I were u back da f— up and get out of meh f—g way."

In still another post, Guyger wrote, "People are so ungrateful. No one ever thanks me for having the patience not to kill them."

During the trial, Guyger said she was tired after working a long shift when she returned home on September 6, 2018.

She said she approached what she believed was her apartment and found the door partially ajar. Guyger said she saw a man inside the apartment and thought he was an intruder. She was still in uniform and shot Jean to death.

Because her unit is one floor below Jean's, Guyger tried to explain that as the reason for the mix-up. For jurors, she couldn't explain why she'd execute a man who was sitting on his couch, eating ice cream, and watching television.

Although she claimed to

have yelled, "Let me see your hands," neighbors testified that they never heard her utter such a command. The only sound they heard was the gunfire: Guyger shooting an unarmed man.

Guyger's conviction and imprisonment appears part of a new trend where law enforcement officers are facing the music for crimes against unarmed individuals of color.

It took jurors less than a day before convicting Guyger who was taken into custody immediately following the verdict.

"For black people in America, this verdict is a huge victory," said Lee Merritt, one of the attorneys representing the Jean family.

"Few police officers ever face trial for shooting deaths, and even fewer are convicted," Merritt stated.

He added that the verdict shows that justice is finally coming for the family of victims.

"Police officers are going to be held accountable for their actions, and we believe that will begin to change policing culture all over the world," Merritt told reporters.

Fannie Lou Hamer died of untreated breast cancer

By Julianne Malveaux
NNPA Contributor

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and the proliferation of pink ribbons is about to start. Predatory capitalists will make breast cancer their cause, producing pink t-shirts, pocket-books, everything. It's a mixed blessing, this awareness, because too many will make this both a marketing and a profit-making opportunity, while others will wonder how they can use their health insurance to afford a mammogram. Health equity is a major issue, and there is a gap in health care and health access. It is especially sharp when we address the issue of breast cancer.

While Black women get breast cancer at a lower rate than white women, we are 42 percent more likely to die from it. And young Black women, those under 35, are twice as likely as white women to get breast cancer, and three times as likely to die from it. Black women are also three times as likely as white women



Fannie Lou Hamer, American civil rights leader, at the Democratic National Convention, Atlantic City, New Jersey, August 1964. This image is available from the United States Library of Congress's Prints and Photographs division. (Photo: Warren K. Leffler, U.S. News & World Report Magazine; Restored by Adam Cuerden / Wikimedia Commons)

to get triple-negative breast cancer, an especially aggressive form of breast cancer.

I am privileged to know Ricki Fairley, a triple-negative breast cancer survivor, and marketing maven who now holds a leadership role at the nation's oldest and largest black women's breast cancer network group. Sister's Network, describes itself as a "survivorship organization" that provides support for Black women who are diagnosed with breast cancer. Ricki only recently joined the organization as its Vice President for Strategic

Partnerships and National Programs, and she is on a mission to raise awareness about breast cancer in the African American community. Propelled by her own survivorship story, but also by the many women she has provided support for, she is passionate about the reasons that African American women must be informed and engaged around breast cancer issues.

Our civil rights icon, Fannie Lou Hamer, died of untreated breast cancer. She was just 59 when she made her transition, and one can only speculate about why this fearless leader had an

untreated disease. Her untreated breast cancer was not the first collision she experienced with our racist health care system. At 44, she had surgery to remove a tumor, and the hospital also gave her a hysterectomy without her consent. These unconsented sterilizations happened to lots of Black women in southern states. It eroded the trust that many Black women had in our health care system. Had Fannie Lou Hamer noticed a lump, would she be inclined to return to the health care system that had already oppressed her? Probably not.

Fannie Lou Hamer was poor and vocally Black in the South. Serena Williams is wealthy, Black and an international superstar. Despite her privilege, Williams also experienced the differential way the health care system treats Black women. Serena might have died giving birth to her daughter, Alexandra. Because Williams was gracious enough to share her story, we are reminded that Black women are all too often ignored or dismissed by health care

providers. Racial bias in the medical field is not only real, but also life-threatening. Reference Fannie Lou Hamer. Ask Serena Williams. Consider the thousands of Black women that are being sidelined by a health care system that does not hear our voices.

What must we do to ensure that Black women don't carry the heavy burden of health disparities? We must be mindful and aware of the risks of breast cancer. We must talk about breast care with our sisters and our young 'uns. We must engage in a policy conversation about the ways health insurance can support our breast health. Too often, health insurance covers some, but not all, of the cost of screening. We must engage our civic organizations in breast health education.

We must remember Fannie Lou Hamer, who said she was "sick and tired of being sick and tired." That means as tired as we are of being tired, we must also be committed to taking care of ourselves. Too many studies say that Black women

ignore self-care for the care of others.

Fannie Lou Hamer was a leader and an icon. She was also a Black woman who gave voice to her tiredness and the way it impacted her. In saying that she was "sick and tired of being sick and tired", she challenged us all to be less sick, less tired, and more self-aware. If we celebrate her, we must hear her. The health care system is biased against Black women, and we must take our health care in our own hands. Neither sick, nor tired, just empowered. And in October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, be supportive of organizations like the Sister's Network, an organization that provides opportunities and services for the Black women who are diagnosed with breast cancer. We must do this in the name of Fannie Lou Hamer.

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Maintaining weight loss beneficial for people with Type 2 diabetes

People with Type 2 diabetes who regained weight forfeited the initial benefits of reduced risk of heart disease or stroke compared to those who maintained their weight loss, according to new research published in the Journal of the American Heart Association, the open access journal of the American Heart Association.

Regaining weight previously lost is common and can deteriorate the initial benefits of lowered heart disease or stroke risks. Few studies have directly compared cardiometabolic risk between people who successfully lost weight and maintained the weight loss to those who regained weight, particularly among people with Type 2 diabetes.

Researchers analyzed

data from nearly 1,600 participants with Type 2 diabetes in an intensive weight loss study who lost at least 3% of their initial body weight. They found that among those who lost 10% or more of their body weight and then maintained 75% or more of their weight loss four years later saw a significant improvement in risk factors, such as improved levels of HDL (good) cholesterol, triglycerides, glucose, blood pressure, waist circumference and diabetes control. However, those benefits deteriorated among those who regained weight.

"Our findings suggest that in addition to focusing on weight loss, an increased emphasis should be placed on the importance of maintaining the weight loss over the long-term," said Alice

H. Lichtenstein, D.Sc., senior study author and director of the Cardiovascular Nutrition Laboratory at the Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging at Tufts University in Boston, Massachusetts. "The bottom line is that maintaining the majority of the weight loss is essential to reducing cardiovascular risk." Lichtenstein is a member of the American Heart Association's Council on Lifestyle and Cardiometabolic Health – Lifestyle Nutrition Committee.

The researchers used data from the LookAHEAD study, which assessed a year-long intensive lifestyle intervention program to promote weight loss, compared to standard care for heart disease and stroke risk, among people diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes

and who were overweight. The intensive lifestyle intervention program focused on achieving weight loss through healthy eating and increased physical activity, while standard care consisted of diabetes support and education. A three-year maintenance phase included monthly group meetings and recommendations to replace one meal per day with something similar to a replacement shake or bar, and to continue engaging in regular physical activity.

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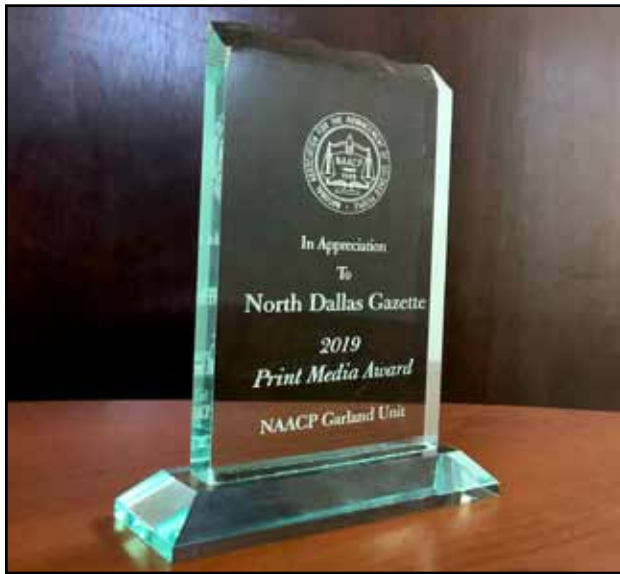
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The North Dallas Gazette honored by the Garland NAACP

The Garland Unit of the NAACP hosted its 29th Annual Freedom Fund Brunch and Silent Auction last month. The *North Dallas Gazette* was named the 2019 Online Print Media Award winner. The newspaper and Garland NAACP has a long history of informing the public of upcoming events and news from one of the most active chapters in the Dallas/Fort Worth community.

"We appreciate your presence and sacrifice as we recognize and celebrate some outstanding students and citizens in our community," Ricky C. McNeal



shared with the attendees. McNeal is the NAACP Garland Unit President.

McNeal honored his mentor, the late Dr. Wright L. Lassiter, Jr., from whom

he learned the importance of producing results as opposed to seeking publicity.

Long-time residents of the Garland community are proud of the accomplishments of the Garland Unit for nearly 30 years. This NAACP Unit has worked effectively with the City of Garland, Garland ISD, and other community leaders to address the African American community's concerns.

They have also established a strong tradition of honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. annually on the third Saturday in January. The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and

March has not only the support of the African American community but also the city and officials throughout the city.

It includes a parade on Saturday morning, and a concert featuring students from across the city participate at the MLK Youth Extravaganza on the next day makes it a weekend-long celebration.

Over the last 30 years, children have grown up singing in the choir, and now have the pleasure of seeing their children and grandchildren share their spiritual talents.

Each year, the North

Dallas Gazette partners with the Garland NAACP in December to spotlight the upcoming parade and weekend plans. Keeping the community informed on how they can participate in the planned rehearsals and meet the deadlines for registration.

On behalf of the Publisher, Thurman R. Jones and the staff of the *North Dallas Gazette*, we were truly honored to be named the NAACP Garland Unit's 2019 Print Media Award winner and look forward to a growing relationship in the years to come.

African American Education Archives and History Program accepting nominations for its 2020 Hall of Fame Class

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2020 Hall of Fame Class of the African American Education Archives and History Program (AAEAHP). The AAEAHP identifies and recognizes educators and

others who have made significant contributions to the educational experience of African Americans in Dallas County.

To help those who might be interested in making a nomination, a session on

how to complete the form and make a nomination has been set for 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 15, at the Paul Dunbar Lancaster-Kiest Library, 2008 E. Kiest Blvd. Individuals who are interested in being nomi-

nated or who would like to nominate another individual are encouraged to attend. Printed nomination forms are available at the following locations:

- The African American Museum

- Dallas Post Tribune
- Paul Dunbar Lancaster-Kiest Library
- Polk Wisdom Library
- Dallas West Library

The deadline to submit a nomination is Tuesday, Nov. 26. Nominations must

be postmarked by that date to be considered for the 2020 Hall of Fame. Mail to: P.O. Box 411091, Dallas, TX 75241. Nominations may be submitted also on the website at www.aaeahp.org.

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be prepared for the impacts from the next storm. Make no mistake, the next one is on its way, and we can no longer afford to react once it's here – we've got to be prepared," Mabson said.

African Americans must heavily engage in climate justice and environmental conversation taking place globally, said Heather McTeer Toney, the national field director at Mom Clean Airforce.

More than half of the African American population live in the south, where they're four times more likely to be hit with catastrophic flood, hurricane or other extreme weather-related event, Toney said.

"As the impacts of climate change increase, more and more of our communities are devastated. Moreover, An NAACP study found that African American communities are subjected to air that is 40 percent more polluted than

other communities," Toney said.

"When combined with the health impacts such as asthma, cancer, and heart disease; addressing the climate crisis is vital to our continued existence and protection of our children's future," she said.

Toney added that it's not too late to act.

"Climate action is the social justice movement of our time. African-Americans should demand action from state, local and federal leaders on climate action now," Toney said.

"We must support 100 percent clean energy and require equity in policy that promotes a clean energy economy. We prepare for extreme weather emergencies by working with our churches and community organization to develop action plans for severe weather events," she said.

Further, "we must talk about ways to become

more resilient and sustainable in our home, churches, and schools. We must vote often and always for candidates that talk about climate action now. Our voices are necessary for this movement, and together we can ensure climate safety for generations to come," Toney said.

Kim Noble, the director of operations for Green The Church, said environmental justice touches on many issues, including climate, the economy, health, social, and racial injustices.

African Americans learned about racism and injustices at an early age, and some know what being marginalized feels like, Noble said.

"We have folks in environmental justice communities that feel that way every day," she said.

"When we're having conversations about the environment, climate change, pollution, and climate policy, we have to include the people who are most

impacted – our black and brown families," Noble said.

"For far too long, our communities have been on the receiving end of the devastating impacts of climate change and pollution. For example, our communities tend to live near power plants and other types of polluting plants which emit toxic air into the environment. These are making our families sick," she said.

Noble continued:

"It's not that our communities are looking for homes located near power plants, but rather it's a regular practice to place dirty emitters into communities of color and often in neighborhoods where low-income families live.

"That's not fair. As a nation, we can do better. We know those clean energy solutions work. We need climate policy that supports 100 percent clean energy and cleans up the air so we can breathe. We also need

policy that leads to good green jobs in our communities."

The current election cycle is crucial for several reasons, said Kerene N. Tayloe, an environmental justice and clean energy solutions advocate for WE ACT.

The election presents a great chance to mobilize votes for candidates who are not climate deniers and understand the need to address environmental justice, she said.

"We must become active at the local level where so many decisions about land development and water infrastructure, for instance, are decided," Tayloe said.

"We should also be keenly aware of how the demand for energy efficiency, renewable and clean energy can create jobs right in our communities. We must lead in the creation of solutions to ensure that the benefits flow creating opportunities for economic develop-

ment."

Tayloe said caring about the climate is not a "white thing."

It is critical that African American, if they aren't already, become aware of all of the ways climate change shows up in their lives, she said.

"Those record hurricanes, storms, flooding, extreme heat, and bitterly cold days that we are experiencing are because of climate change. In addition to climate change, for far too long black and brown communities have been the sacrifice zones for wealthier and frankly whiter communities," Tayloe said.

"It is not a coincidence that our communities are disproportionately the location of dangerous toxic facilities and are adjacent to the busiest highways. All of these systemic problems impact our health, our property value, and the ability to gain economic independence," she said.

New arts-focused school to expand opportunities for South Dallas students and beyond

Dallas ISD's Martin Luther King Jr. Learning Center will soon become a transformation school, which is an open enrollment campus designed around an innovative instructional model.

Pending a name change approval from the board of trustees, the school would

become the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Arts Academy and will offer piano, dance, vocal music and visual art. Upcoming pre-kinder through 5th grade students will be able to apply for the 2020-2021 school year. The school will add a grade each year to up to eighth grade.

Students who live in the

current MLK Jr. attendance zone will get priority admission to the campus, and those currently attending MLK Jr. can continue their education at the school.

Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts students will mentor MLK students.

The school has seen tremendous growth, rising from an "F" to a "B" school.

Families can learn more about the future Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Arts Academy at Discover Dallas ISD on Sat., Nov. 2, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at W.H. Adamson High School.



Dallas ISD

HBCU funding bill blocked by Senator Lamar Alexander

By Charlene Crowell

Each year as families beam with pride at seeing a son, daughter or another relative graduate from college, that achievement is nearly always the result of a family's commitment to higher education. And when these institutions are among the more than 100 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), that pride is magnified by the history of how our forefathers overcame what once seemed to be insurmountable challenges.

According to the National Museum of African American History and Culture, between 1861 and 1900 more than 90 HBCUs were founded. From the first HBCU, Pennsylvania's Cheney University, estab-



Tennessee's Senator Lamar Alexander is the Chair of the Senate Health, Education Labor and Pensions Committee.

lished in 1837, ensuing years led to even more educational opportunities that today include institutions spread across 19 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

So when federal legislation is blocked that would extend and preserve funding for HBCUs, such actions are not only an affront

to today's college students, but also to a history that has led to only 3% of the nation's colleges and universities educating nearly 20% of all Black graduates. The success of HBCU graduates is even more noteworthy considering that 70% of students come from low-income families.

On Sept. 26, the damaging action taken by Tennessee's Senator Lamar Alexander, chair of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee blocked HBCU funding. Even worse, Senator Alexander made this move just days before funding was set to expire on Sept. 30.

The bill sponsored and introduced on May 2 by Alabama Senator Doug Jones and co-sponsored by South

Carolina Senator Tim Scott, was named the FUTURE Act, an acronym for Fostering Undergraduate Talent by Unlocking Resources Act. It began with bipartisan and bicameral support to extend critical HBCU and other minority-serving institutions (MSIs) funding through 2021 for science, technology, engineering and mathematics education.

"Alabama is home to 14 outstanding HBCUs that serve as a gateway to the middle class for many first-generation, low-income, and minority Americans," stated Sen. Jones. The FUTURE Act will help ensure these historic schools and all minority-serving institutions continue to provide excellent education opportunities for their students."

Senator Scott agreed, adding "We all have a role to play in making the dream of college a reality for those who wish to pursue their education. The eight HBCUs in South Carolina have made a significant impact in our communities, creating thousands of jobs which translates to over \$5 billion in lifetime earnings for their graduates."

By Sept. 18, a total of 15 Senators signed on as co-sponsors, including eight Republicans representing the additional states of Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Dakota, and West Virginia. Other Democratic Senators signing on represented Arizona, California, Connecticut, Minnesota, Montana, Virginia and West Virginia.

On the House side, two

North Carolina Representatives, Rep. Alma Adams and her colleague Mark Walker introduced that chamber's version that quickly passed in just two days before Alexander's actions on the Senate floor.

So why would the HELP Committee Chair oppose a bill that had such balanced support – in both chambers as well as geographically and by party?

"Congress has the time to do this," said Sen. Alexander on the floor of the Senate. "While the legislation expires at the end of September, the U.S. Department of Education has sent a letter assuring Congress that there is enough funding for the program to continue through the next

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Axxess endows largest-ever computer science scholarship program at The University Of Texas At Dallas

Axxess, a leading home healthcare technology company, has gifted the University of Texas at Dallas (UT Dallas) \$500,000 to endow a scholarship program to benefit computer science students in the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science. The gift to create the Axxess Scholars Program, designed to provide scholarships in perpetuity, is the largest gift ever received by the university to start an engineering school scholarship program.

In honor of Axxess' contributions, the atrium of the

Engineering and Computer Science West building has been named for the company. With 2,140 square feet of space, the Axxess Atrium serves as the dynamic hub for the Jonsson School community.

"Axxess wouldn't exist if not for the education I received through the Jonsson School," said John Olajide, Axxess' founder and CEO, who graduated from UTD in 2004 with a degree in telecommunications engineering. "One of the core values at our company is giving back to the community, so it is a natural

choice for Axxess to provide the funding necessary to reward and help future engineering students at the university.

"The Jonsson School has done a tremendous job of developing engineering talent that strengthens the Dallas-Fort Worth region's improving technology community, and we are honored to make our contribution to ensuring that will continue."

Dr. Stephanie Adams, who recently joined UT Dallas as the Jonsson School's fifth dean, acknowledged the historic na-

ture of the Axxess gift and noted that the endowment will benefit generations of students.

"The Jonsson School provides a vibrant and enriching environment to nurture future leaders in the STEM fields," said Adams, who is also the Lars Magnus Ericsson Chair. "This unprecedented support from Axxess helps signal that our talented students and the impact they make in their communities are worth investing in. I am grateful to Axxess for their partnership in securing a bright tomorrow for our

students."

Serving more than 7,000 organizations and 2 million patients in North America, Dallas-based Axxess is one of the fastest-growing health care companies in the country. The seeds of the idea that would become Axxess were planted during Olajide's time at UT Dallas, he said.

While working as an independent information technology consultant to pay his tuition, Olajide saw ways to increase efficiency at the home health companies he supported. His entrepreneurial drive, fos-

tered during his years in the Jonsson School, helped Olajide realize his vision with the founding of Axxess in 2007.

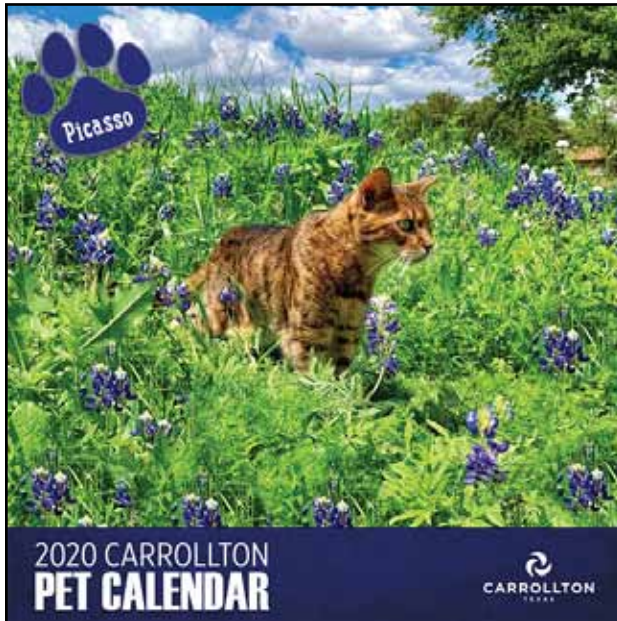
"On behalf of everyone at Axxess, I want to express our appreciation for the generous recognition in creating the Axxess Atrium," Olajide said. "The Jonsson School has a vision for continuing to provide a world-class education to engineering and computer science students, and we look forward to the Axxess Scholars Program playing an important role in that effort."

Carrollton's pet photo calendars available at city facilities

Carrollton, Texas – The City of Carrollton extends its gratitude to everyone who submitted photos of their pets for entry into the 2020 Carrollton Pet Photo wall calendar.

The contest raised \$625 this year and as always, all proceeds go directly to the Carrollton Animal Services & Adoption Center for resources such as food, medicine, cleaning supplies, and treatment of sick or injured animals.

"This contest has become one of the most important things we work on; special services and surgeries are paid for in part by the funding raised through this calendar contest," Animal



Services Manager Carl Shooter said. "I want to thank our community for

their participation as this support goes a long way in helping the animals in our

care."

The contest ran from April to August and saw over 160 photo submissions from local pet lovers. Angie Arrona and Richard Wiltshire and their curious cat Picasso won the coveted calendar cover. This is the first year since the calendar fundraiser began in 2015 that a cat has earned the cover bragging rights.

"We are so excited; I almost cried when I got the news," Arrona said accepting the contest prize pack at this year's Paws on the Square event in Downtown Carrollton. "My Mr. Picasso loves being outside finding new adventures to get into. Most Bengals are

pretty adventurous."

If Picasso looks familiar, it's because he's won a spot in the calendars for 2016 and 2017.

The 12 winners whose pets grace the pages of each month received a free calendar to celebrate their winnings.

The City launched the sale of the calendars at the Paws on the Square event on Saturday, September 21 in Historic Downtown Carrollton. Fifty-eight animals were registered with the City and the Texas Coalition for Animal Protection (TCAP) administered 78 rabies vaccinations at the event. Additionally, one animal was adopted.

Calendars can be purchased for \$10 (including tax) at City facilities including both Libraries, both Recreation Centers, the Senior Center, and the Adoption Center. Cash or check only at City Hall, Marketing Services.

Carrollton Animal Services reminds residents of responsible pet ownership and, as always, remember to pick up after your pets!

For more information on the City's photo contest, visit cityofcarrollton.com/petphotocontest. For more information on Carrollton Animal Services, visit cityofcarrollton.com/animalservices.

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center's fall and winter programming.

If you voted in favor of the 2013 bond, thank you for approving funding for

this \$2.5 million project.

Liberty Recreation Center, 2601 Glencliff Dr., is just off 15th Street near the Plano ISD Administra-

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Pumpkins on the Plaza at Dallas City Hall on Saturday, Oct. 19 for the annual Pumpkins on the Plaza event at 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Come out for an afternoon of family fun. Enjoy games, inflatables, crafts, pumpkin patch, train rides, entertainment, and more.

Each Year, the Lowest Greenville Collective hosts a **Fall Festival**, which is an opportunity for area residents to hang out, support their local businesses and

enjoy a fun-filled day of food, drinks and music. On Oct. 26, everyone is invited out to do exactly that, but this year's festival will be extra special, as it will also feature trick-or-treating for the kids.

The festivities begin at 11 a.m., when businesses will start handing out candy and a gratis S'mores pizza that's topped with Nutella, Marshmallow Fluff dollops, Graham Cracker sprinkle and Hershey bars from Greenville Avenue Pizza Company.



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Garland

Safety Fest and Blood Drive Saturday, Oct. 12 - Enjoy a variety of free activities with the Garland Fire Department from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fire Administration and Training Facility, 1500 State Highway 66.

Safety Fest will include

food trucks, safety demonstrations, a helicopter landing, a bounce slide, face painting, pet adoptions and an appearance by the Garland Police Department. Kids can even try their luck on our firefighter obstacle course

Named as a Top Texan Under 30 in 2016, Nick Marino Jr. takes center stage at the Garland Chamber of Commerce's 32nd Annual Prayer Breakfast on Dec. 12. For more info visit www.garlandchamber.com.

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Children of all ages are

invited to the **Fall Carnival Series** organized by the Parks and Recreation Department at Mustang Park Recreation Center and the Senter Park Recreation Center from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The fall carnivals will be held at various recreation centers. Wristbands will be sold for \$10 each which will allow for unlimited play at all games and activities at the center. Activities, which vary by location, will include carnival games, prizes, cake-walks, bounces houses and concessions. Call the center for details.

Rowlett

Saturday, Oct 12 from 1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m., Camp Bow Wow Rowlett will host their Grand Opening **"Howl-o-ween Paw-ty"** in Rowlett, 4604 Industrial St. The family-friendly party will feature an adoption event with local rescues, including Rowlett Animal Shelter and Oak Hill Shelter. On-site activities such as a Jenga and corn hole, a raffle, costume contest with complimentary food and drinks for all ages and sweet treats from DiDi Treats for the pups.

'Feel the Love' brings relief from the cold

Some members of our community are facing a winter with no heat, and no resources to fix it.

Unfortunately, many spent the rather long and very dry summer with air conditioning. Jackie Lewis

of Haltom City was one of those individuals. Not anymore.

Local Lennox staff as a part of their Feel the Love Day efforts and Stark Services, Lewis now has a new Lennox furnace. The team

arrived on Saturday, Oct. 5 and installed a new high-efficiency unit at Lewis' North Richland Hills home.

Lewis expressed her excitement for the new system and is overjoyed that she can host Thanksgiving

and Christmas for her family this upcoming holiday season.

She was nominated for this year's program by her neighbor Ida Cobb, a recipient of 2018's Feel The Love Day.



Recipient Jackie Lewis (at left) reacts to the delivery of a new heater system under the Feel the Love program. (Courtesy photo)

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a growing, and disturbing trend of mostly unarmed black and brown young men who have been the victims of discriminatory police practices and these encounters with law enforcement have led to their untimely deaths, Sharpton told the committee.

These statistics should cause all great alarm, he said.

"There are too many victims to name. But we all know their stories. We've read about them in the newspaper and have seen them on the nightly news: Eric Garner, Michael Brown, LaQuan McDonald, Tamir Rice, Walter Scott, Freddie Gray, Stephon Clark, and countless others," Sharpton said.

"I've spent days and nights with grieving parents and family members who wanted nothing more but justice for their loved one who was senselessly shot or choked to death by an officer. I've preached the funerals. You can feel the pain and heartache. And even in the despair, I made a promise to the victims' families that I would push Congress to enact federal

legislation to address fatal misconduct," he said.

Sharpton added that the time to address the issue is now.

He said there's a deep-seated mistrust of the police in many communities of color and solutions must be identified to find ways to rebuild trust.

"Quite simply, there is a need for greater oversight on the patterns and practices of law enforcement

across the country," Sharpton said.

"Without these checks and balances, we will continue to experience discrimination and egregious injustices at every stage of the criminal justice system, beginning with an individual's first encounter with law enforcement officials, as we witnessed first-hand in New York with the death of Eric Garner five years ago," he said.

"There is a need for police officers to undergo

racial profiling and micro-aggression training so that they are better equipped to police in an increasingly diverse America."

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Dallas Cowboys fans ready to panic following second loss

By Dwain Price
NDG Sports

ARLINGTON — Things sure have changed rather quickly over the last couple of weeks for the Dallas Cowboys.

Following the first three games of the National Football League season, Cowboys' fans were strategically making plans to be in Miami to watch their favorite team play in the next Super Bowl. However, two horrific games later, now those same fans are systemically wondering if the Cowboys even have what it takes to qualify for the playoffs.

Some player from Green Bay who goes by the first name of "Aaron" accounted for four touchdowns Sunday afternoon at AT&T Stadium and guided the Packers to a pulsating 34-24 triumph over the Cowboys. But it wasn't the "Aaron" who usually torments the Cowboys.

Aaron Jones rushed for a career-high four touchdowns as the Packers raced to an insurmountable 31-3 late in the third quarter. It marked the first time anyone has ever rushed for four touchdowns against the Cowboys in their storied



Although Dak Prescott almost engineered a comeback on Sunday, his earlier interceptions helped dig the hole which derailed the team. (Photo: Keith Allison / Flickr)

60-year history.

Meanwhile, the Packers' other "Aaron" — future Hall of Fame quarterback Aaron Rodgers — didn't exactly put up any gaudy numbers. But he made more than his share of critical plays that kept the Cowboys at bay and ran his perfect record at AT&T Stadium to 5-0.

It was the second straight loss for the Cowboys after they opened the season with three consecutive wins. Their wins came against New York, Washington, and

Miami — three teams with a combined 2-12 record — while the losses to New Orleans and the Packers are against teams with a combined 8-2 record.

"Sure, we might have sniffed ourselves a little bit too much (after the 3-0 record to start the season) and that's why I said we'll take these last two games — especially this one — and say, 'Hey, we probably needed that and we'll get better because of it,'" quarterback Dak Prescott said. "That's

why I said maybe we'll look back at this four, five games later — however many games it is — and say, 'That was good for us because we became the team that we are now.'

"The men we have in the locker room, there's no doubt in my mind that that's what we'll do," Prescott said.

Prescott, for one, knows he must play better for things to turn around for the Cowboys. Although he tossed a pair of touchdowns and threw for a career-high 463 yards against the Packers, his three interceptions were keys in a loss that left the Cowboys (3-2) tied with Philadelphia for first place in the NFC East.

"I don't care how many yards I had or anything else like that," Prescott said. "I had three interceptions and a loss.

"I don't care what career-high I have. None of that matters."

The Cowboys gallantly fought and crawled back into the game thanks to Prescott, and were on the verge of making it a one-possession contest. But kicker Brett Maher missed a short 33-yard field goal with 1:41 remaining in the game,

sending a large portion of the crowd of 93,024 scurrying for the exits.

In the first half, Maher misfired on a 54-yard field goal attempt with the Cowboys down 17-0.

"Obviously, there were two big kicks missed that we needed, and he didn't make them," coach Jason Garrett said. "But he's made a lot of big kicks for us in the past.

"We have a lot of confidence in him, and we will continue to give him opportunities," Garrett stated.

Because the Cowboys fell behind by 28 points with a little over a quarter left in the game, running back, Ezekiel Elliott didn't get many opportunities to strut his stuff. Elliott, who recently signed a five-year, \$90 million extension, had just 12 rushes for 62 yards and a touchdown and two receptions for 29 yards.

And like his teammates, he knows these back-to-back losses set off some high-powered alarm bells in Cowboys Nation, who saw Amari Cooper caught 11 passes for 226 yards and a touchdown.

"I think it is a reality check," Elliott said. "I think we've just got to take this

loss, take these last two losses and use them as fuel.

"We've got to come out and play a lot harder, play a lot better, and execute. It's going to be hard to win games in this league if we keep shooting ourselves in the foot, so we've just got to be a better team."

Offensively, the Cowboys racked up an incredible 563 yards of total offense. But their defense allowed 335 yards, including 107 rushing yards to Jones on just 19 carries.

All of that, the Cowboys know, much change — along with the turnover situation — before they face the 0-4 New York Jets on the road on Sunday at 3:25 p.m.

"We're just really in the business of getting back to work and trying to get better," Garrett said. "Our goal every week is to get better each and every day in practice and get better from week to week, and we'll continue to strive to do that.

"Two challenging games (against New Orleans and Green Bay). We didn't get it done in either of them the last couple of weeks. We'll learn from the experience and hopefully grow and get stronger and get better as we go."

Blair Underwood brings a new film to Dallas next week

Coffee Bluff Pictures and Dallas-based Williamson Media Group present an evening of film and conversation with award-winning filmmaker Deborah Riley Draper. Also, Emmy-Award and 6-time NAACP Image Award winner Blair Underwood will be present at the Oct. 19 event at 7 p.m. The affair is hosted by the Black Academy of Arts and Letters. This evening is the Texas premiere of ILLEGAL ROSE, a short and timely film about immigration starring Jasmine Guy, and the Dallas premiere of

the 2017 NAACP Image Award-nominated sports documentary OLYMPIC PRIDE, AMERICAN PREJUDICE.

"Illegal Rose" tells the story of an unlikely friendship between Rose, a tired, disengaged, almost retired nurse who accidentally kidnaps Sylvie, a 9-year-old ICE detention center runaway, on the 4th of July. The two women change each other's lives and perspectives. "Illegal Rose" explores respect, decency, and kindness through two people of different genera-

tions, ages, races and legal statuses, as they navigate their choices and the consequences. "Olympic Pride, American Prejudice," tells the story of the 18 African Americans who defied Adolf Hitler and Jim Crow to win hearts and medals at the 1936 Summer Olympic Games in Berlin.

General admission tickets for the October 19 Texas premier are \$15, include reserved seats for both films and the audience Q&A with the cast and crew following each film. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster.com.

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NDG Book Review: *Full Throttle: Stories* is some high octane reading

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The pedal's to the metal and you're in a hurry.

You need to get somewhere fast, somewhere nobody's ever been before - or you need to get away from there. The engine's roaring to rush you across town or across time. Watch the road. Beware of sharp curves and drive safely; in the new book "Full Throttle: Stories" by Joe Hill, hard-braking tires scream... and so will you.

Race was far ahead of the pack - so far ahead that his father, Vince, could barely see him on his Harley a half-mile up-front. But that was just Race, and Vince still loved him, still wondered what went wrong to



make Race a killer. Vince watched as his son let a girl get hacked to death, right in front of their whole biker group, and the kid was insisting on more revenge. But in "Throttle" (written with Stephen King), exactly whose revenge would it be?

John never planned on

becoming a librarian, it just happened: after his parents died in a murder/suicide, he found a very overdue book that his mother had borrowed and when he returned it, one thing led to another and he ended up working in the Bookmobile. It was a decent job, made better by the elderly patrons who came to get books, only in "Late Returns," some of them got more than just reading material.

When the onboard movie went black, Gregg Holder, who'd been watching the famous woman sitting next to him, took note. He also noticed the shake in the pi-

lot's voice, as passengers were informed that they were landing in Fargo soon, diverted due to DPRK missiles. But in "You Are Released," going to Fargo isn't far enough...

@TYME2WASTE was Tweeting her vacation, bored with everything, fighting with her mother, wishing she was home. Ugh. In "Twittering from the Circus of the Dead", her eyes rolled hard when her father decided to stop at some stupid side-of-the-road circus. #DumbestThingInTheWorld.

In his introduction, author Joe Hill does some-

thing charming: he gives major kudos to his parents, as parents and as writers. This gives fans some great stories, and it offers readers insight from where Hill's novels spring, as you'll see when you read it.

Similar to his mother's talent, the thirteen short stories Hill presents here ooze with a psychological tautness that goes unnoticed until you realize that your fingernails are embedded in the arms of your chair and you're holding your breath. It's like hearing a chainsaw outside your house, and somehow knowing that it's meant for you.

As does his father, Hill puts characters in situations that are distastefully disgusting and unimaginably frightening - a dead animal near a lake, a madman down the hall in your bedroom - but in Hill's case, they're exquisitely possible. There's no revived-cats-in-the-cemetery here, no clowns-in-the-sewer; instead, there are things that, if you squint, really could lurk outside your window right now.

But don't look. Instead, grab the keys, run, and get "Full Throttle" in your hands. Take a break and get ready to scream.

Motown founder Berry Gordy retires

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Correspondent

From the Miracles, Supremes, Marvin Gaye, Lionel Richie, and the shaping of the original Little Steven, to being the genius behind the launch of the man that would become known as "the King of Pop," Berry Gordy long ago indelibly cemented his place as one of the true legends of popular music.

Known as "The Chairman," Gordy is the founder and original architect of Motown Records - an American original that arguably featured the most exceptional assembly of talent in music history - has retired.

He announced his retirement during the 60th-anniversary celebration of Motown that took place in Detroit last month. "I have come full circle, and it's only appropriate [to make the announcement] while here in Detroit, the city where my fairy tale happened with all of you," Gordy said.

Sixty years ago, long before the lottery's slogan of "A Dollar and a Dream," was appropriated to describe "rags to riches" success, Gordy put up what

little cash he had and launched Motown Records, forever and better known by its simpler singular moniker: "Motown," out of his small Motor City home.

The determined businessman demanded the best from everyone passing through the illustrious halls of Motown.

Among his initial signings was The Miracles featuring Smokey Robinson. Smokey would go on to become a recording legend, but he is also the songwriting genius who penned tunes for artists like Diana Ross and Marvin Gaye.

Along with Robinson and Wonder, Motown would produce an extensive roster of hitmakers.

From Marvin Gaye's groundbreaking "What's Going On?" to the Diana Ross and the Supremes "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," the hits came nearly every day.

Perhaps Gordy's most shrewd signing was that of the Jackson Five.

He sold the label in 1988, and until this year, Gordy remained in the entertainment industry producing Broadway musicals and

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The Big Circus truly offers something for everyone, and encourages folks to come by and visit while they're in town.

"I love to see the kids smile and laugh, and the families wowed. It's a good place with a good, fun environment where the family can come and have some nice entertainment."

The Big Circus will be at 2829 W. Northwest Hwy, Dallas, TX 75220, October 11 through 21, 2019. Shows will be held at 8 p.m. Monday through Friday nights, and two shows will be held at 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets are \$25 for adults \$5 for children.



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Poll of likely voters shows rising student debt problems: Weakened borrower protections, blocked debt relief cited

By Charlene Crowell

When likely voters across the country were recently asked their opinions about student loan borrowing, 82% agreed that the still-growing \$1.5 trillion debt is a national crisis. Even when partisan affiliations were included, the solid concern for this unsustainable financial burden held strong: 74% of Republicans, 80% of independents, and 90% of Democrats.

When asked further about the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)'s reduced efforts to protect students from abusive student loans and student loan services, those most concerned were Blacks, Latinx (73%), consumers earning less than \$50,000 per year (72%). Additionally, voters in early Democratic Primary States agreed at 77%, as did both women and military or veterans' households that polled 70% each.

Conducted by Lake Research Partners and Chesapeake Beach Consulting, the poll was jointly commissioned by the Americans for Financial Reform (AFR) and Center for Responsible Lending (CRL). Its student loan results, released on October 2, found that recent actions by the Department of Education

(DOE) and the CFPB both contributed to consumer concerns.

Higher penalty fees charged to struggling borrowers, making it harder for state and federal law enforcement agencies to pursue wrongdoing by state loan servicers and blocked debt relief for students who were defrauded by for-profit institutions were the top DOE criticisms cited in survey.

"[T]he Department of Education seems to be making it easier for for-profit colleges and servicers to take advantage of students," said Debbie Goldstein, CRL Executive Vice President. "We need a Department of Education that holds for-profit institutions accountable for abusive practices and a CFPB with a division that protects borrowers from predatory student loan servicers."

"Without proactive regulatory action and strong state laws," continued Goldstein, "students of color will continue to carry larger debt burdens, exacerbating the racial wealth gap."

"The student debt crisis in the United States deserves greater attention and voters know it," noted Alexis Goldstein AFR Senior Policy Counsel. "Borrowers need federal authorities as allies, not as

apologists for the for-profit college industry."

The disproportionate student debt burdens borne by Black and Latino borrowers was the focus of a joint research report by the NAACP, National Urban League, UNIDOS US, Leadership Conference Education Fund and CRL. Initially published this July, QUICKSAND: Borrowers of Color & the Student Debt Crisis, the report examined how unprecedented debt levels weigh heaviest on Black America.

Key findings from that report show that:

- Today, over half of all families with Black heads of household aged 25-40 have student debt.

- Black bachelor's degree graduates are unable to afford loan repayments at five times the rate of comparable white graduates. These Black grads are also more likely to default than whites who never completed a degree.

- Four years after graduation, nearly half of black graduates owe more on their undergraduate student loans than they did when they received their degree; by contrast, only 17% of white graduates face this same dilemma.

Similarly findings and concerns were found in a September student loan debt report entitled Stalling

Dreams by Brandeis University's Institute on Assets and Social Policy, a part of its Heller School for Social Policy and Management. Among its key findings:

- Twenty years after starting school, the typical Black borrower owed about \$17,500 more than their white peers;

- The typical Black student loan holder in their 30's, has negative total wealth of \$10,700 compared to whites who are close to breaking even; and

- About half of all Black borrowers and a third of all Latinx borrowers wind up defaulting on their student

loans within 20 years.

With researchers and consumers agreeing that student debt is at crisis levels, the larger question becomes: What – as a nation – are we prepared to do about it? And if so – when?

With 44 million people affected by student loan debt, this trillion-dollar issue should not be ignored but rather vigorously debated as part of the 2020 elections in the interest of our collective futures.

"We need a racial equity filter for solutions to reverse the consequences of our current privatized high education financing

regime," states Brandeis' Stalling Dreams. "We need a return to strong public investment in higher education that acknowledges the societal benefit on an educated public."

In other words, if you're drowning in student debt, your education is working against you – instead of for you. It's time for a new paradigm in American education.

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FTC Refunds: The real deal or not?

By Nicole Christ
Redress Program Manager
Federal Trade Commission

Sometimes the FTC is able to return money to people who were ripped off in a con artist's scheme. But scammers try to cause confusion and take advantage at every step.

If you lost money in a scam, you might get a call or email from someone claiming that they can help you recover your funds – if you pay them, hand over personal information, or allow them remote access to your computer. Don't do it!

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- targeting people who lost money to tech support scams

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If you get a call from someone who says they're from the FTC but asks you for money or sensitive information, please tell the real FTC at ftc.gov/complaint.

UCLA researchers aim to increase diversity in the study of political data

By Jessica Wolf
UCLA Newsroom

A UCLA-led group of racial and ethnic politics researchers from across the nation are already gearing up to make sense of the 2020 presidential election.

Buoyed by a recent nearly \$1 million grant from the National Science Foundation, the fourth installment of the Collaborative Multiracial Post-Election Survey, known as the CMPS, will be the largest endeavor to date — encompassing 20,000 respondents from up to nine groups and conducted in five languages.

The self-funded 2016 survey, was led by Lorrie Frasure-Yokley, associate professor of political science and African American

Studies at UCLA, along with Matt Barreto, professor of political science and Chicana and Chicano studies at UCLA, Edward Vargas from Arizona State University and Janelle Wong from the University of Maryland, College Park. Previous smaller studies in 2008 and 2012 laid the groundwork for the ambitious reach of the 2016 survey.

The cooperative approach to this survey of adult registered and non-registered voters allowed 86 social scientists and researchers from 55 institutions to help design a non-proprietary questionnaire that covered a broad swath of political attitudes and issues. The 2016 cooperative survey was self-funded,

by academic researchers, through the purchase of question content by contributors.

Importantly, regardless of investment level, or specific research area, the CMPS is designed so that researchers involved gain access to and share the entire dataset. Multiple research projects from faculty, graduate students and postdocs from 18 disciplines yielded dozens of published studies in academic journals and books, as teams analyzed the 2016 findings. The CMPS team tracks all projects related to their data.

“We accomplished what we set out to do, which was radically expand opportunities, especially for those early in their career or who are working at smaller or

minority-serving institutions, to conduct research and even more importantly — publish their research, which is necessary to advance one’s academic career,” Frasure-Yokley said. “And now, with stronger infrastructure provided by this major NSF grant, we can focus on expanding those opportunities even more.”

The call for participation goes out this month and Frasure-Yokley said their team anticipates welcoming about 150 collaborators. She’s eager to begin the process that will yield the survey questions, expecting that many will follow similar topics from the 2016 study, which included questions on military spending, DACA, health

care, Black Lives Matter and more. Frasure-Yokley also expects that the tumultuous political environment of the last several years will engender new and creative ways to ask respondents how they feel about gender discrimination, race relations, immigration policies, election security, the media and more. The survey will be conducted following the 2020 election and remain in the field through early 2021.

The 2020 survey will also go deeper into issues of race and ethnicity by broadening the scope of survey respondents. In addition to surveying Blacks, Latinos, Asians

and whites, the team has added a group of project directors with ties in specific communities for 1,000-person, “oversamples” of Muslim Americans, people of Native American, Native Hawaiian, Black African, and Black Caribbean descent as well as a group of LGBTQ respondents for the 2020 project.

“It is important to develop a survey instrument that replicates longstanding survey questions, while encouraging innovative new question content from researchers serving at various kinds of academic institutions and levels in their careers,” Frasure-Yokley said.

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fiscal year.”

Alexander concluded his comments by using his remarks to push for a limited set of policy proposals that would amend the Higher Education Act piece by piece.

His comments prompt a more basic question: Why is it that Congress has failed to reauthorize the Higher Education Act (HEA) for so many years?

Competing HEA legislative proposals with different notions have been bandied about since 2014. Most of these ideas were variations of promises for improved access, affordability, and accountability, simplified financial aid applications and appropriate levels of federal support.

Yet for families faced with a financial tug of war between rising costs of college and stagnant incomes, Congress’ failure to act on higher education translates into more student loans, and longer years of repayment.

The same day as Senator Alexander’s block of the bill, Wil Del Pilar, vice president of higher education at The Education Trust, a national nonprofit that works to close opportunity

gaps that disproportionately affect students of color and students from low-income families, reacted with a statement.

“The reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA) is of vital importance to millions of students who currently struggle to afford college, lack adequate supports while enrolled, and are underserved by a system that perpetuates racial inequity,” said Pilar. “Students need a federal policy overhaul that addresses these issues and acts to close racial and socioeconomic equity gaps, and they can’t afford to wait any longer.”

Ashley Harrington, a Senior Policy Counsel

with the Center for Responsible Lending agreed adding “College is only getting more expensive every year, student borrowers are struggling to make payments, and servicers and for-profit colleges are getting free rein to mistreat their customers and students. As this crisis exacerbates the racial wealth gap and constrains an entire generation of taxpayers, we need a real plan to address these important issues. We hope Senator Alexander reconsiders his position of holding hostage funding for HBCUs, Minority Serving Institutions and the students of color that they serve.”

Senator Alexander, here’s hoping you are listening.

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"Exhort bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back, not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things"

(Titus 2:9-10).

The island of Crete was known for its corruption and many false gods. It was also the center of the jewelry trade.

The use of the word "adorn" in the Bible passage may have been intentional by Paul due to this fact.

Titus and the believers in Crete were challenged by Paul to adorn their lives

with the doctrine of God.

Whenever you are challenged by an environment that is corrupt and ungodly, you have an opportunity to let your light shine before those in that environment or those with shared attitudes.

The greater the corruption, the greater your light can shine. It is not a time to flee; it is a time to shine brighter.

Paul addressed five unique things believers could do: 1) To be obedient to their masters. They were to submit to their authority structures.

2) Be well pleasing in all things. This meant doing their work with excellence.

3) Do not answer back. They were to handle conflict with wisdom and courtesy.

4) Not pilfer. They were not to steal, but model integrity.



Sister Tarpley reminds all to have a fun time with all your family and friends at the State Fair of Texas. (File photo)

5) Show all good fidelity. This meant demonstrating loyalty and dependability. Do you find your environment or community difficult to be? The answer is to live to glorify the Lord in the midst of your environment and/or the way you live your life will be viewed by many others.

An industry survey revealed the average person

will come in contact with 300 people over the course of a year through their work and community. What better opportunity to let your life be adorned by the doctrine of God. St. Francis Assisi agrees: He encouraged believers in his day to "preach the gospel always and when necessary use words."

Tell God that you are

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feature films.

"Motown records is one of the most successful Black-owned record labels of all time," said Aaron Douglas of R.E.A.L. Music Entertainment.

"Its history is in concrete because of the mega artists and because Berry Gordy had an eye for up-and-coming talent. ...a Black

owner giving a Black up-and-coming talented artists a chance to show their talent to the world and to be a proven success over and over again. This would be a blueprint for other young aspiring Black people. Seeing is believing," Douglas stated.

Gordy made a difference not just in the music indus-

try, but also in the world, said music producer Linnette A. Harrigan.

"The Motown Sound has impacted millions worldwide, and it has influenced the popular music we hear even to this day.

"Berry Gordy paved the way for minorities in a way that had never been seen before. His Motown sound is now known as the sound

that changed America, helping to bring together the nation then divided by race and segregation.

"As an African-American leader, businessman, entrepreneur, and important and historical agent of change, Berry Gordy is an inspiration and role model especially for African-Americans like myself," Harrigan stated.

so sorry for the pride that creeps into your heart. He alone is worthy. He alone spoke this earth into being. He alone breathed the breath of life into mankind. He holds the universe in place.

Who are we to take credit for anything? Thank God for all He has given and all He has done. Thank God

for meeting our needs and for all He has accomplished through us.

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